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September 9, 2018 9:30 am

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Psalm 105:3

Please feel free to sit or stand
as we worship through song.

*Come Thou Almighty King
Break Every Chain*

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Christ Is Enough

Time for Young Disciples
Children 1st - 5th grade may go to their classes

Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go

Offering - Holy
Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

Message: "Can God Use Us With Our Wounds and Mistakes?"
Exodus 2:15-4:31
Pastor Rob Perkins

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Blessing

Postlude - Toccata in d by G. Belier

Need prayer this morning?
Come to one of the prayer corners at the front of the Sanctuary.

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Family Ties, 11-11:45 am – Let's look at God's big picture and discover His grace that has the power to shape our parenting so that we overflow with vision, purpose and joy. Meets September 9 & 23; October 7 & 21; and November 4. Childcare provided. FMC211-212.

College Ministry Hangout, Sundays, 4 pm, beginning today – Meet in the Student Lounge for coffee, snacks and discussion. For more info contact Shayna O'Lena: solena@mvpctoday.org.



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THE WORD

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OUR RESPONSE

COMMUNION

All who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior may participate
Please come to one of the stations whenever you are ready
Gluten-free bread is offered at the rear station

OFFERING

Please bring your gifts to the Lord to one of the
Offering Boxes at the front or rear

PRAYER

A member of our Prayer Team will be in the back
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FELLOWSHIP

Join us for dinner!

Feedback, questions and thoughts: #mvpcthe5



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